

68 October Session 1848-

5) State of North Carolina: I Nancy Merrill being, in the health of
Catawba County 3 but perfect in mind, I desire to be to God
for his Mercies, I make this my last will and Testament -
In the first place, I will that all my Just debts be paid, in the
second place I will and bequeath unto my two brothers Peter
Parish and Jacob Parish and my sister Jane Waught Fifty dollars
each third, my crops now growing, I will to my Mother Sarah
Parish, two brothers Peter Parish and Jacob Parish, and sister Jane
Waught to be equally divided amongst them, In the fourth
place, I will and bequeath unto Beloved Mother, Sarah Parish
the balance of my property and the balance of money coming to
me from the estate of my deceased husband John Merrill
so long as she may live, to do as she pleases with, and at her
death I will and bequeath it unto my two brothers and sister Jane
Waught to be equally divided amongst or their heirs.
Fifth I will that Alexander Clark be Executor of this my last
will and Testament, This done and in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and forty eight. August. 7 1848-

Attest
J. I. Higgins
Clerk

Nancy Merrill
made

69 December Session 1848.

In the name of God Amen- I George Hoffman Senior of
the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being of
sound and perfect mind and memory- blessed be God do this
thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and forty eight, make and publish, this my last will
and Testament in manner and form following that is to say- I then
first I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Susannah
Hoffman at my decease, a piece or parcel of land, a part of the
tract I now live on. Including all the Building, except the Shrub
ing Machine being at a post oak mine, and David Elliott Cornet
then serve with my time to a State apprentice my grand yard, then and
peppering the quers leaving the grand yard and that thing, of fence
to the right to the branch that runs through my old plantation, then
the said branch to my and Peter line, then east with my line to
the beginning. This right my said widow is to hold in natural
life time, for widowhood in my name, and after her death or
widowhood it is my will that my heirs after named Executors
after my wife's death or widowhood, they shall see said down and
the proceeds arising from it to be equally divided between my legal
heirs, the balance or a to my lands excepted- a small tract in
Catawba County, It is my will that my Executors after my death
divide the lands between my legal heirs in equal shares of
valuation, The Caldwell tract to it to be sold with my
personal estate- and also the thrashing Machine and Machinery
is to be sold after my death- with my personal estate. I further
bequeath to my wife her negro slaves, namely, a negro boy Mal
and negro girl named Cass, now as Cass said negroes should not
be controlled by their said Master, it is my will that my Executors
shall hire said negroes, or sell them as said widow will think
proper, if said negroes should be hired, or sold, said widow shall
have of the proceeds of said negroes as she may want, during her
natural life time, or widowhood, next I give her three beds and
bedsteads with their proper furniture, I also give unto her the debt
a table, and kitchen furniture, suitable to her way, and Station
I also give and bequeath unto one horse beat her choice, worth
fifty Dollars- or forty dollars, and three head of Cattle, with the
Cattle- if there be any, also two head of hogs, two Shups, also one
set of Stone gears, one low shear plow, one shovel plow, with
all the implements, for plowing- and also Corn, wheat, oats, and
also other things sufficient for one year, also meat and other things
thoroughly and grain to be supplied by my Executors and
I give other power that she may do, let, with them, also two
pound of Coffee Ten pound of sugar, also her spinning wheel

and cards and weaving looms with the gears and baskings to the same belonging, also six sitting chairs and one mattress one box also one cotton wheel and cards and all the furniture, in addition to what has already been bequeathed, I also give unto my son Coriol and his wife, it and also I give Mats, bedding and one bedding for use of said negro, and lastly I give and bequeath to my wife, first out of my estate one hundred dollars to be paid to her by my executors.

Item second It is my will that after my death & my wife's death, that our wearing clothes be divided between our sons and daughters my clothes to the sons, and my wife's clothes to the daughters.

Item third I give unto each of my sons namely, Nathaniel, William, Elijah, George Morgan a tract of land which I hold at three hundred dollars each for which I have given deeds of conveyance and to my son Langdon, I give a tract of land I value at two hundred dollars for which he Langdon is to pay one hundred dollars at my death if not paid before, for which I have his note, said note is not to interest until after my death, I give unto them whatever each of them received when they left me, in like manner I give to be bequeathed unto each of my daughters except, Gaius Belich's wife Elna and (or), Gaius Belich, Susannah Ann, Lucinda Fennell and my son Rich, I give each of them a piece of land which I value at one hundred dollars each, for which I have given deeds of conveyance and ^{to them and their heirs} ~~giving~~ and if I should fail in giving Gaius Belich and his wife, and they are to receive two hundred dollars at my death I also give unto each of them, all that they received when they left me.

Item fourth It is my will that my wife's executors take in their possession all the notes and judgments that are found in my possession at my death are against any of my children the amount thereof it to be deducted out of their due shares.

Item fifth It is my will that the residue of my estate - personal and real estate be sold by executors at public sale and money from said sale it is my will that it shall be equally divided between my legal heirs after paying my just debts.

Item sixth and I hereby make and ordain my worthy and beloved sons, Nathaniel, Elijah, William, and George Buffman, Executors of this my last will and testament, in witness whereof the said George Buffman hereunto has to this my last will and testament, ~~and with~~ set my hand and seal the day and year above written, signed sealed, published and delivered by the said George Buffman in the presence of his last will and testament in the

April Sepien 1849

Witness of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing.

William Wharmant
Daniel Milled

George Buffman (Seal)

In the name of God Amen I David Buff of the County of Tarrant in the State of North Carolina being of perfect sound disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

I do give and bequeath to my wife Mary Buff (as long as she keeps my name, that is remain a widow) the tract of land situated near the compasses of the old tract a small tract called the Star tract and one are called the Rader tract except a part of the Rader tract that was the last year was purchased by James Rader also part some of the land off the east end of the Fennell tract to be struck off by a line running North a South through the tract, to be subject to an expatriation during her life also the acre of the James Rader Meadow adjoining the John Rader Meadow subject as aforesaid also all my house hold stuff a personal estate of every description that she chooses to keep and distribute withal & the use thereof.

Item I do give to my sons Elias, John, & Robert Buffers and respectively for the land they have settled on which I value each five hundred dollars to each as they are ~~settled~~.

Item I will in testament to my executor that tract of land in which Elizabeth Buff now lives for he use during her life & at her death I direct this land to be sold and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided among her children this land with money I have paid for tract of land sold & struck with three hundred dollars. I do give to my daughter Gaius who is intermarried with Jonathan Buff I give to her husband three hundred acres of the Fennell tract in both sides of same for which it being the balance of that tract I have directed that he acre to be struck off to my wife this land I value each five hundred dollars & I do give each of them fifty dollars to make each of them worth three hundred dollars. The land is not divided until it is taken at testament in however long it to any division or expatriation they choose to make of it. My daughter Mary who is intermarried with Alexander Hensley I give them that part of the Miller land on which he lives and which is conveyed off Fennell tract are hundred & fifty nine acres this tract I value worth three hundred dollars & I make it subject to any expatriation the said Henry may make of it.